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Absence of the Charms Described by Byron and Moore.

Little to Suggest the Marselous as Related in the "Arabian Mights.

the citizens of Dannie us ampkes Li cig-

areste or pargdich, sips his coffee or atakit a strong drink flavored with an-seed-and looks dreamly out upon the world, says the Lordon Standard. In he hear of the day his favorite resort is

The baggars of Damascus are Inmous less since the opening of traffic in the Red Sen and the Persian Gulf, yet their pi-turesque interest is still great. They form a labyrinth of courts and arcades, open to the sky or under lotty-unitted roof-arcades long, straight and broad, with modern shops; arcades parrow, winding and ancient, with dark recesses, where figamong merchandise thumbing the Khoran or reciting prayers. As in Western Eu-rope when trades were guilds each set of merchants has its own quarter, though the endency is to remove these landmarks. There is, for example, the silk bazaar, where, unless you can haggle over paras, you are likely to pay dear for embroiders and delicate tissues of Damascus and Aleppo. The goldsmith's bazaar is disap-pointing. It is a gloomy court with a beggarly array of coins and "antiques" in locked cases. The sound of the hammer cads one to the coppersmiths' who make those chormous trays with which the percents and Bedouin measure their neigh hor's hospitality. Narrow strips of Per-sian carpet, "Damaseus" blades forged at crimson leather slippers embroldered with silver thread, gainly sad less and bridles, catch the eye as one saunters through areade after areade.

But it is the people—not the merchan-

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celored stream. Women in while robes or gowns of amber and black this like planatoms from shop to shop hogging over the price of a place of silk telling out plastres for small plains of tree oil, for heans with which to can their nails, for heans with which to can the roads, or for that black pigment which is to add to the laster of their dark eyes. Calldren dark hither and thinker in loose gowns of violet and gold and crimson and blue. Small Redouin women with shy, tattooed faces, and gowns of dark blue catton, look wenderingly on all this scores of warehouses, with heaps of

The Greek trader pounces on the hesi-tating customer, while his Arab rival puffs away at his nargileh and reflects that Allah, the giver of sustenance, will in due time send him also a purchaser.

in due time send him also a purchaser. The bather lets blood and shaves head or beard, as he did in the days of Harun al Ruschid, while the scribe at the corner of the street writes down with weeden pen the mysterious confidences of the veiled hady who sits on nothing by the side of his desk. And shave all the tumult rhes the melancholy note of the Muezzin, who, stepping across the threshold of his mosque and making a speaking

some the incumalities. But assembly have respicted to the incumerable Turker between the eroused surrest or square, and his long probes and nurshan are added to the while the cases. There he else for bourse without opening his lines except to draw in the thin, acrid smoke of the hubble-both bide. The thin acrid smoke of the hubble-both bide bide. The many plangs recklessly into the except the and arranged and the laught nown, he may plangs recklessly into the except the and arranged and the neighborholds will be the thin acrid smoke of the hubble-both bide. The thin acrid smoke of the hubble-both bide bide bide. The many plangs recklessly into the except the entire of children do not penetrate the two targets and have town, he may plangs recklessly into the except themeters of the contraint, and, still with coffee and narglieb before him lieut to addulations of westers and "sketches" sting and played by Grocks of Dalmathans. They are more like cathedrals thin warehouses and sinks A vault-like played by Grocks of Dalmathans. Women may not even a progressive count; councillor could find fault with the performance, it is blamelessly dail. The rich Damassene being the first and may malize how much better we do this being the first of many genue are being the first of the many finds the negro is sudded that its his time to adout the accept the first who may not be acceptable that the provide him he accept the first of the many finds the negro is sudded to distance under the village of Ess-Salaitych in order to daze unon its splender and majesty. The still then a first of the commercial supermency of Dalmathans of the middle had been the state of the first who means a first the six of the count of the middle had been the very white walls are received to Mostanans. The bar bearing light, Twice the Emperor rode to down some day or other contents the will have some the very likely that he negro is sudded that the sum of the title and armed and then the date than the is an entire is a first the cist in the bar bar bar ba by Greeks of Dalmatlans. Women may and mad share those public amusements and not even a progressive county councillor could find fault with the performance. It is blamelessly dail. The rich Damassene can order his entertainment.

The bagaars of Damossus are famous white and black stone, and a row of dark white and black stone, and a row of dark recesses forms a gallery round the first floor. Here some wholesale business is done, but ruined arches, time-stained walls and neglected fountains speak of decay. Many years have gone by since the courtyard was packed with the treasures of Bagdad, and Mecca, and Constantinople, and Cairo; since the galleries resounded with the talk of men who lad come from east and west and south and north to the famous marts of Damaseus.

The Emperor saw bater to the day and minaret rising space. And and minaret rising space. And and minaret rising space. And and minaret rising space. come from east and west and south and north to the famous marts of Damascus. The Emperor saw baier in the day and other evidence of those changes under which Damascus "is waxed feeble," and is "taken from being a great city." He rode through the Gate of God past the Moslem cometery, to Meidan, where the slight extra contract of Malah. Come to prayer,"

Moslem comestery, to Meddan, where the pligrim caravan starts for Mecca. In earlier days, before steambouts ca'led at Jeddah, all pligrims from Africa, Persia. Central Asia and Turkey began their journey from Meldan. The long street that leads to the plain, between rows of qualnt houses, shope and ancient mosques, depends for its prosperity on these annual gatherings, and its prosperity s on the decline. A plous Mussulman of the old school would no more think of performing the Haj, or pilgrimage by steambout than a Christian would think of praying by machinery. He sill tramps or rides from Meldan. But the Mussulman of the old school, who will have none of these 'linidel' adds to the sanctity of a green turban, is fast dying out. The Algerian, the Tunkian, the Persian, and even the Turk have abantant.

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HONEY'S pligrim caravan starts for Mecca. In

disc that bring the stranger again and have none of these "infidel" aids to the again to the bannars. From dawn until an bour before sunset there surges out. The Algerian, the Tunisian, the through these dim vaults a noisy, bright.

shy tattoosed faces, and gowns of dark-blue cotton, look wonderingly on all this wealth. Sieck lift ridis, in turban or fez, mounted on gorgeously expurisoned horse or ass, press through the throng; car-rages hurry along with small cries of "Dahrak" "Your back, oh, sir" "Your back, oh, boy!" Venders of rasin water and lemonade rattle their brazen cups, and ridd to the did with shouts of "bardd als kalbak" "refresh thy heart, O thirsty.

The green flag of the prophet was hung als kalbak "refresh thy heart O thirsty one" Rilieus-looking cakes displayed on the wall of the mosque where the a large wooden tray are loudly commended of as "aksi es-snund"—food for swal-Riding slowly forward, his majesty reached the plain, with its ruined mosque and mud hamlet, where for many generations Moslems have assembled for that pilgrimage which is their haptism of faith. He went as far as the meeting of the two reads that stretch like sun-scorched ribbons to the purple hills—the road to the Hautran, full of vague mystery of war and wandering and the road to Mecca. The Emperor is a mystic and loves the sights that quicken and color imagination. He gazed long and intently at the path that leads across the Desert to the Moontain of Light and the Sacred City—the Paintheon of Moslems. Doubtless he saw in his mind's eye the endlost procession that treads the way to Mecca. old of his mosage and making a speaking saw in his minds eye the endloss protrampet of his hands, calls the people to
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dens and domes and gattering minners, encircled with an emerald belt. Away to the west, over a barren plain, rose the mountains of Anti-Lebanon against a solemn space of blue sky. Their brown sum-mit was bathed in a sea of crimson light, that lost itself in the rent sides and broke like waves of blood against rugged peaks.

American Locomotives in China.

(From the Chicago Times-Herald.)

Within ten months, the Baldwin Locomotive Works have received two orders from China, the second, which is just reported, being for sixteen engines. When we think how vast are the possibilities of railroad building in China and how difficult it has been to make a start there these evidences of present activity are most gratifying. The first road constructed in the empire ran from Shanghat to Woosung, a distance of only twelve miles. It was built without the sanction of the government and was purchased by the authorities and taken up after it had been in operation for about a year. This was as late as 1876-77, or only about twenty years ago. The experiment was not encouraging to the glorious feilowship of promoters. But out of a small railway, whose first section was a short coal carrier, a line of considerable length has been developed, which now runs from Tien-Tsin, a short distance south of Pechil. It was in 1889 that the Emperor ordered the construction of a line from the capital to Hankow, on the Yang-Tze River, and comided—the task in part to Li Hung Cheig. Since then the coontry has been alive with would-be concessionships.

#### THE RACES OF DARKEST AFRICA

Negroes, Arabs, Gulahs, Desert Touaregs and Abyssinians.

THE CAPTURE OF SAMORY

Accomplished Af er a Long and Determined Struggle.

His the Last of the Purely Negro Sovereigntles to Yield-An Interesting Figure.

Samory, whom the French captured the other day, is in all ways an interesting igure, but especially in this that his is the last of the purely negro sovereignties to succumb, says the Spectator. Singlehanded he withstood Erance for eighteen years; but like all the negro chiefs who have made any considerable stand against the Europeans, he has fought them with the arms and methods of Europe. The Zulu "impi" was not a spontaneous development of African warfare; it was ased upon the model of an English regiment. But the Zulus borrowed only then organization, for they were essentially elped to destroy them. Cetewayo was drilling his troops while he should have seen hampering every step of the white charged in close order, to be mown down by those machine guns, which have treoled and quadrupled the power of white armies against savages. On the West east the natives all fight with guns (exept a few tribes who only attack b right) and they depend upon Europe for their weapons. For that reason no West African power at any considerable dis-tance from the coast can resist for long a European army. Samory was not only r the scaboard, but had a fine enoise trading stations from which to bring smuggled arms; what he could not from the French traders he could from the English, and if not from English, then from the Germans. Where there are traders and natives there will be ammunition, and Samory in all his forced migrations seems to have reition to the profits of his very extensive

he kidnuped or bribed soldiers who had been trained in European forces. In April of last year he captured two pounders from an English force at Wa. and with them some Hansa artillerymen who were forced subsequently to serve the guns against the French, And M. Ne-bout, who visited Samory's camp last outumn as an envior, saw the motley ar my reviewed, and observed that it ma-neuvered very respectably to words of command, nearly all of which were given in French. For all that, Samory has gone the way of Koffi, Cetewayo, Lobengula, Benanzin and Prempeh; and but for the international scramble for territory, he would have been disposed Soudanese in West Africa develops into a leader, and organizes a following, the negro proper is not likely to give Europe

and we fought them again and beat them back from post to post, till the whole Arab ascendancy in the Nile Basin was shattered seven weeks ago at Omdurman, But there remains still an offshoot of that power, which has to come into collision with European troops, Zobebs, the Lackston of the Sun of t lision with European troops, Zobehr, the Jaalin Arab, who, from being a slave-ralding marauder, blossomed into govrnor of the Bahr-el-Ghazal, had a slave samed Rabeh. When Zobehr was sum-noned to Cairo and detained as a cap-ive, Rabeli remained with Zobehr's son, Suleiman, and fought under him against the Egyptian government. When Suleihe Egyptian government. When Sulei-nan surrendered to Gessi Pasha Rabeh refused to come in, and fled southwest

with his following into Berku, where he with his following lato Borku, where he won by force of arms permission to settle. Of his movements from that time onwards little is known, but in 1881, leaving the states to the northeast of Lake Tchad, he marched south through Wadal, devastated Baghirm, then passing to the south of Lake Tchad, invaded the kingdom of Bornu, Here he captured and burnt the very important town of Kuka, and having made himself master of the country, fixed his self master of the country, fixed his headquarters at Dikwa, to the south of

incertain, but the account of M. Gentii's mission down the Shari makes it clear that he is the predominant power in the hasin of Lake Tchad, and there is every prospect that he may encounter one of the French expeditions which from the north, west and south are pushing toward the inland sea. Further, there is always the chance that he may turn upon the Fulah Emirs, who are under our protec-

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in Expit. In 1898 he was actually march ing upon Kano, when word reached his of the Niger Company's campaign agains Nups and Illorin, and rather than rist collision with the victorious force h turned back. He is, no doubt, like Sam-ory, a slave trader and a king of maraud-ing banditti; but situated as he is h-should be accessible to European influ-

know that their Hausa subjects might readily turn against them, and they are themselves by no means so warlike as, for instance, the Arabs, while the Hausa for instance, the most penceable of mankind. It is quite probable that European influence may gradually permeate these states without the need of conquest, and the slave-raiding of the Emirs may gradue.

ually be repressed.

But there remains two quarters of Africa in which, almost to a certainty, a bitter fight will be fought out. From St. Louis, on the Senegal, a road runs out into the desert, bearing, if we may trust Lotti's "Roman d'un Spahl," the placard, "Route d'Alger." But the road to ually be repressed. Algiers is one which no white man has yet traveled, and France will one day set to work to open it. At present perhaps, she may hold off; her conquests in the Soudan have cost her upwards of ten millions in annual subventions, and peonle begin to ask when there is to be a return for this money. Still, that was said before in 1892, when M. Jamais was secretary for the colonies; yet the soldiers took their own way and pushed further and further. They will certainly endeavor to fight the Touaregs, those wild people of the desert, who probably descend direct from Jugurtha's Numidians. The Touaregs to the negro populations of the Upper Niger count as white men, beings of a different and superior race. Their organization is that of a loose aris-

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again are the black slaves. But they are not slave-dealers though they own slaves. They are monogamous, and their women take a place in social life entirely unpuralleled south of the Sahara. Altogethe they belong to a higher level of cultur than anything attained to by the neg of

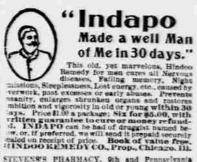
and of their courage and skill in was there can be no question. Yet the desert is practically their only security, for they rely almost entirely on sword and lance. Once they are e on sword and lance. Once they are en-countered by troops possessing equal no-billty and furnished with arms of preci-sion, these wild horsemen will have had their day. France has nothing to gair from their subjugation that could repay her for the necessary cost of war with them, but in all probability the raids will provoke reprisals, and military ambkions lead to war. The other state in Africa combble of making head against an Eurocapable of making head against an Euro capable of making head against an Euro-pean power is, of course, Abyssinia. Its resources are well known and probably overrated, but it seems admitted that nearly every Abyssinian has a rife and can dispense with a commissariat. Mene-lek, it is certain, does not want to fight any Europeans; he is perfectly aware that they do not court his alliance for his advantage; and he is set upon weld-ing together that loose-jointed fouddi ins advantage, and he is set upon wearing together that loose-jointed foudal state into a solid monarchy. If he lives twenty years and can educate a successor, Abyssinia may become a power that can exist next to civilized neighbors. But as things are, his northern province, Ti-gre, is out of hand, and the pagan Gallas of the South, among the flereest and bravest of African tribes, are very little under control. Menelek may be a useful ally to us one day; but he is too powerful to be allowed to become a thorn in our side, and the next few years may see, though we devoutly hope they may not another Abyssinian campaign.

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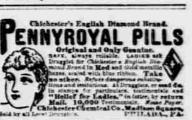
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